

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE WILLIAM ALSTON,
Plaintiff

v.

DEBRA FORSYTH, et al.,
Respondant

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Civil Action No. 05-168E

MOTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

Plaintiff William Alston, pursuant to 1915 requests this court to appoint counsel to represent him in this case for the following reasons:

- 1) The plaintiff is unable to afford counsel
- 2) The issues involved in this case are complex
- 3) The plaintiff has limited access to the law library
- 4) The plaintiff has very limited knowledge of the law

I swear under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true.

Dated: August 21, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,



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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF THE PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

- 1) I am the plaintiff in the above entitled case. I make this affidavit in support of my motion for the appointment of counsel
- 2) This is a complex case because it contains several different legal claims
- 3) The case involves medical issues that may require expert testimony
- 4) The plaintiff has demanded a jury trial
- 5) The case will require discovery of documents and depositions of a number of witnesses
- 6) The testimony will be in sharp conflict since the plaintiff alleges that the defendant's actions caused harm while the defendants assert they did not
- 7) The plaintiff has only a high school education and has no legal education

I swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I caused a copy of the foregoing Affidavit In Support Of The Plaintiff's Motion For The Appointment Of Counsel to be mailed to:

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